counseling, retraining and redeployment (CRR) of these workers. Under this scheme the employees are exposed to such programmes for gainful rehabilitation.

Promotion of handloom clothes

†4478. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the scheme of Government to promote handloom clothes in the wake of the termination of multifibre agreement in December, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): In the new Foreign Trade Policy 2004–09, handlooms has been identified as a thrust sector under Special Focus Initiatives and special facilities have been extended to the sector. Government has decided to develop a trademark for handloom on lines similar to "Woolmark" and "Silkmark", which will enable handloom products to develop a niche market with a distinct identity. Apart from the new Foreign Trade Policy, the following steps have been taken/are being taken to boost exports of handloom products:

(a) Organisation of Buyer-Seller Meets in important markets abroad;

(b) Participation in leading International fairs & exhibitions;

(c) Development & diversification of the product range;

(d) Dissemination of market intelligence and trade information through the Handloom Export Promotion Council;

(e) Availability of incentives to exports under the different export promotion schemes such as Duty Entitlement Pass Books Scheme/ Duty Drawback Scheme etc;

(f) Financial assistance provided under the Handloom Export Scheme for development of exportable products and publicity & marketing thereof;

(g) Assistance to Handloom Export Promotion Council under the MDA Scheme for market promotion activities.

Impact of removal of quotas of textiles

4479. SHRI SHAHID SIDDiQUI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of removal of quotas of textile so far;

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